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CONNELLVILLE, PA., THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 18, 1907.

PRICE, ONE CENT.

WATER IS UNFIT FOR USE.

Filter Was Overflowed by Small Creek Monday Night and Mud Flowed Into Mains in Large Quantities.

Unless David J. Stillwagon succeeds in clearing up the water supply of Connellsville today, he will be responsible for driving many persons to the bar rooms for a drink. This is the second day that down town folks have been supplied with water that resembles a soft solution of mud. Many have gone without their daily plunge during the past two days, and there has been considerable suffering in many families that depend upon the Borough supply of water for domestic purposes.

Superintendent Stillwagon has been active since yesterday morning in an endeavor to clear the water supply and stated that by this evening he hoped to have it in its former crystal state. The muddy water in the mains was caused by the small creek overflowing during Monday night's heavy shower. This water flowed into the filter basin at the pump works and a large amount of it was forced into the mains before it was discovered. One of the peculiarities in connection with the water is that it collected in a sort of a pocket in the center of the town, while outlying districts have not been affected.

The residents of the South Side have spilled water while the down town residents suffered. The large amount of mud that was introduced into the pipes is causing a considerable amount of trouble and as soon as this can be flushed out the water will regain its natural color.

FUNERAL IS STOPPED BY THE COUNTY DETECTIVE.

Uniontown Hospital Reports George Sabot "Getting Along Nicely" While He Lies a Corpse.

INSTITUTION IS UNDER FIRE.

County Officials Allege Gross Neglect on Part of Hospital Authorities. Patients Shot at Christmas and Wedding—Brother May Be Held for Murder.

UNIONTOWN, July 18.—County Detective Alex. McBeth was instrumental in stopping the funeral yesterday of George Sabot, who was shot at Republic works by his brother, Mike Sabot, Sunday night. The death of Sabot has brought down another shower of criticism upon some officials of the Uniontown hospital. Sabot died Tuesday night and the county officials claim that they did not receive information of it until this morning. County Detective McBeth states that neither he nor District Attorney Hudson were informed about it. When County Detective McBeth talked to the officials on Tuesday regarding Sabot he left special instructions that they call him or the District Attorney in the event that there was danger of Sabot dying or if he died. He did not hear anything of Sabot until he learned his body was in an undertaker's shop.

Further he alleges that he called the hospital at noon and asked Sabot's condition, and that he was informed that he was getting along nicely. Acting upon this information and believing from an exhaustive examination that the shooting, which occurred during a wedding and christening celebration, was purely accidental, he was arranging for the release of Mike Sabot, the dead man's brother, from jail, where he had been lodged on an information charging felonious shooting and carrying concealed weapons. At the time the person at the telephone was telling the official that Sabot was getting along nicely he was lying a corpse.

The resident physician stated this morning that whoever answered the telephone must have forgotten to give out the information or was not informed about the patient. He stated that he notified the County Coroner regarding the death of the man, but County Detective McBeth states positively this morning that he was the first person to notify that official. The newspapers were also in communication with the hospital yesterday, but every afternoon paper in the county failed to record the death of Sabot, who had been dead many hours before they went to press.

The turn that the case has now taken may result in Sabot's having to stand trial on a charge of murder. Attorney George Patterson was today granted letters of administration upon the estate of the deceased. His parents reside in Austria and he has two brothers employed at Republic works and also five sisters residing at different places in America.

Third U. P. Outing.

United Presbyterians all over Westmoreland county are glad to know that the congregations will hold a third annual outing this year. The date set is Thursday, August 1st, and the place is Rock Point.

Lady Macabees Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies of the Macabees was held last evening in Rutsek's hall. The usual routine business was transacted. A large number of ladies were present.

RAIN SPOILED RACES.

Postponed Events of Yesterday Will Be Run Today.

GREENSBURG, Pa., July 18.—The heavy rains resulted in the calling off of the second day's race program. The events will be raced tomorrow and Friday, two of the four to be run each day. The 2:30 race and 2:25 trot, scheduled for yesterday, will be run between heats of the regular program of tomorrow, which is the day of the big free-for-all, in which are entered the following famous horses: Alcala, 2:05; Ed. M., 2:05; Silk Twist, 2:21; Harry L., 2:07; Mable II, 2:10; Directwood, 2:07; Gypsy II, 2:08.

HAYWOOD TRIAL.

Both the Prosecution and Defense are Fighting to Keep Certain Testimony in the Records.

Publishers' Press Telegram.

BOISE, Idaho, July 18.—A crisis has been reached in the Haywood case. Attorneys for the prosecution and defense are fighting today for preservation in the record evidence upon which a verdict will largely depend. The prosecution is endeavoring to keep before the jury testimony designed to connect Haywood with the deeds of violence to which Orchard confessed.

The defense is trying to keep the court from throwing out all the stories tending to prove that the deportations and violence at the Cripple Creek district strikes were caused by the Mine Owners' conspiracy. The prosecution has completed its rebuttal and final arguments will begin tomorrow and continue until Wednesday or Thursday.

VIOLATED MINE LAW.

Mr. Braddock Man Prosecuted Before Squire Smurr.

John Gola of Mt. Braddock was given a hearing last evening before Squire M. M. Smurr of New Haven on a charge of violating the mine laws, made by State Mine Inspector T. D. Williams. He gave bail for court. Gola had been in the habit of carrying matches in the mines at Mt. Braddock where he is employed.

Elopement Denied.

The report that Miss Rhoda Young of South Connellsville and Elmer Green of Youngwood eloped to Cumberland Sunday morning on the B. & O. train, in which they were married, has been denied.

GAS TO GO UP.

Reported in Uniontown That Price All Over Fayette County Will Be Given a Boost.

UNIONTOWN, July 18.—A general increase in the price all over Fayette county is said to be contemplated by the Fayette County Gas Company. The County Commissioners this morning received notice that the rate beginning August 1, would be 8 1/2 cents per 1,000 feet.

The contract with the gas company expired May 1, when gas was being secured at 5 cents per 1,000 feet. The rate was then boosted to 8 cents and now there is a notification that it is to go to half a cent higher.

YOUNG MEN ATTACK CREW ON NO. 10.

Used Stones and Brick Bats When They Were Forced Off Baggage Car Last Night. Being Held in Local Police Station.

George Walters and Louis Plimmer, two young men of Glenwood, are lodged in the local police station charged with having attacked the crew of Train No. 10 on the B. & O. railroad last night, with stones and brickbats, after having been ejected from their positions on a baggage car. The men are being held on an advice of Conductor A. W. Vanetta, who telegraphed the description of the men back to Connellsville after leaving.

The train crew pursued the men a short distance up Water street, but had to return to their train. Several station employees continued the chase and the men were chased right into the arms of Officer Arch Holaday, who took him in. Plimmer was arrested by the men on Main street. Both men pleaded guilty to drunkenness in police court this morning, but denied having had anything to do with the stoning of the train or crew. They are being held until Conductor Vanetta can return to Connellsville on Train No. 5 this evening, when they will be given a hearing.

Plimmer says that he is a passenger conductor running between Pittsburg and New Castle. He has an employee's ticket with him. Captain W. A. Metzler is examining his record.

LOSE STATE TROOPERS

Detail That Has Been Stationed Here Recalled to Greensburg.

UNIONTOWN TRYING FOR THEM.

Sergeant McCall, in Charge Here, Thinks Connellsville is the Logical Point for the Location of Detachment of New State Police.

The Town Council and business men of town will have to get busy or they will lose the protection of the State Constabulary. Orders received last night caused the withdrawal of six men who have been doing duty about town for the past month. All the men reported to the barracks at Greensburg except Sergeant J. J. McCall, and he left this morning.

Uniontown has been making a strenuous effort to get the State troopers there, and it seems probable that a detail will be sent to the County Capital, thus removing them from Connellsville. Sergeant McCall stated that the general impression prevailing was that Connellsville was the logical point for a detail, and that especially Uniontown should not ask for men in view of the fact that it has all the county officials, the County Director and Sheriff's deputies, besides plenty in Greensburg.

MORE INVESTIGATION

Is Wanted Over State of Affairs in Uniontown Hospital.

Additional investigation is being urged into the state of affairs existing at the Uniontown hospital. The trustees whitewashed the management of the hospital, which had been criticized by a Coroner's jury in the matter of a death of a foreign miner named Guther. Now the members of the jury come back and want Coroner Hagan to reopen the case.

A lively investigation and probable clearing up of affairs generally at the hospital is anticipated.

WOMAN GETS 5 DAYS.

Lucy Layton, Better Known as "Laudanum Kate," in the Toils.

STREET WALKING THE CHARGE.

Jim Nick, an Italian, Was Also Taken in While in Company With Her, But Was Released—Officer Rottler's Graphic Story.

Lucy Layton, known in police circles as "Laudanum Kate," drew a five day sentence from Burgess A. D. Sisson this morning on the charge of being a street walker. Jim Nick, an Italian baker, who was with her when she was arrested, was penned up over night, but the evidence against him was not sufficient to hold him and he was discharged.

The woman told a great long story about posting a letter to her son and meeting the Italian on Apple street. She politely informed him that he lost a roll of \$100 and picked it up and presented it to him. Nick testified that she was ———— Har, and that she asked him for a nickel. Nick's profanity was picturesque in his testimony and the Burgess was compelled to call a halt upon it very frequently. "Never see, no, never saw old Me de make, no work de make long time. No no lose money, me de good that, me know chief. Me work all time. Me no want woman, Gotta do good job."

Chief Rottler testified that the woman's actions were scandalous and that she should have been locked up a month ago, and that thirty days in jail would do her good. He said that she held up men on the streets and begged them to buy her drinks. He wound up by saying "she's a nuisance."

James Sweeney of McKeesport and William Smith of Latrobe were both held pending an investigation into their characters, they having been arrested about midnight last night at the P. R. R. station.

SUDDEN RAINS CAUSE DAMAGE.

Except for Short Downpour About 8 O'clock Last Evening Fayette County Missed Last Evening's Big Rain—Damage in Other Places.

Western Pennsylvania is passing through one of the hottest spells experienced in the past ten years. For two days the temperature has been little below the 90 mark in the shade during the day and the nights have been marked by their humidity. Rains that came down in torrents with little warning have been another feature of the hot spell. Yesterday's storm did not fall with so much severity in Fayette county.

In the Pittsburgh district of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia the storm was severest. Northern West Virginia and Eastern Ohio were swept by cloud bursts. Eight deaths were reported this morning from this section. Hamlets and towns were flooded with torrents of rain that fell and the damage all told will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. In the vicinity of Gratton, W. Va., there were three fatalities. The B. & O. suffered greatly between Gratton and Farmington and Farmington and Morgantown. The lower parts of Gratton were submerged. Three fatalities are reported from the vicinity of Zanesville, all due to the storm.

In Northern Westmoreland county the rain was very heavy. The races at Greensburg had to be postponed. Uniontown experienced a storm similar to the one that hit over Connellsville about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The wind was also very heavy at Uniontown, but no serious damage was reported today.

FIREMAN HURT.

Explosion of Fusee in Signal Lamp Caused Injuries Which May Prove Fatal.

H. C. Hand, aged 25 years, and married, a resident of Connellsville, and a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, working on freight engine No. 2275, was seriously injured in a most peculiar manner in McKeesport shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Pennell station.

Hand's engine, hauling a long freight, was in motion and he was looking out the east window when a fusee in a signal lamp beside the track exploded and caught him on the top of the head, fracturing his skull and rendering him unconscious. The top of his head was torn for a space about two inches wide and four inches long and to the bone, and his face also badly lacerated and torn.

The injured man was taken from the engine and hurried to the McKeesport hospital as quickly as possible. Hand's condition is critical.

PARKERS SLATED.

To Take Piedmont's Place in the West Penn League.

Owing to a slight hitch in negotiations for grounds Parkersburg has not yet been admitted to the West Penn League, though the team may be closed at any time. The hustling West Virginia city is the forerunner and the fans are pleased over the prospect of gaining admission to the West Penn League.

Manager Krull of the Parkersburg Independent team is at the head of the movement, and he is a hustler, one in whom the people of the place have confidence. It is quite likely that his efforts will be rewarded with success.

Colored Couple Married.

William H. Barton and Miss Mollie Finney, a well known colored couple of Braddock, were married yesterday at the A. M. E. parsonage in New Haven. Rev. W. N. Young, the pastor, officiated. The groom is a funeral director at Braddock.

DRAWING JURORS.

Sheriff and Jury Commissioners Are Busy Today.

UNIONTOWN, July 18.—The Sheriff and Jury Commissioners were today directed to draw the September jury. There will be a five weeks' term. There will be 65 names drawn for the first week of civil court and the Grand Jury; 65 for the last week of civil court and 72 for the last two weeks of criminal court.

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W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The usual routine business was transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday afternoon at the Carnegie Free Library. The attendance was large.

SOLDIERS PREPARE TO LEAVE.

Company D, Tenth Regiment Band and Hospital Corps of the Tenth Will Get Away at 10 O'clock This Evening.

Members of Company D were up early this morning preparing for their departure this evening at 10 o'clock for the annual encampment at Tipton, near Tyrone. Captain J. H. Simpson set a detail of men loading the baggage car at 1 o'clock, and has issued an order for the company to assemble at 7 o'clock this evening. Although the train will not depart until 10 o'clock, Captain Simpson is firm in his orders to have his men on hand early and see that every preparation is made, so that there will be no delays.

The Connellsville contingent will have the largest single aggregation of men in the brigade, as the Tenth Regiment Band and the Tenth Regiment Hospital Corps are located here and will go with the company. The band is in excellent shape for the encampment and expect to make a good showing this year. Drum Major Dixon will join his band at Greensburg, where the special train will be coupled to other company trains. An early arrival at Tipton is expected.

Captain Simpson has made up his mind that he will have order on the train going down and coming back so far as the members of his company are concerned. Yesterday he borrowed several pairs of handcuffs for use should any of the boys become obstreperous.

GOT HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR TRI-STATE TELEPHONE CO.

It Was the Largest Independent Line Taken Into New Merger Which Will Compete With Great Bell Trust.

TWO MINES BURNING.

One of Them, the Braznell, Scene of the Disaster of 1899.

The Braznell mine at Bentleyville, Washington county, is closed down on account of a fire in the workings. It was found necessary to flood the works and it will be several days before the mine can be opened. The fire was started by a gas explosion. It was in this mine the terrible accident of 1899 occurred.

The fire in the Braznell mine of the Pittsburgh-Huffalo Company, near Canonsburg, still burns fiercely. The loss is now estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

AUTO WRECK.

Four Men in New York Are Dying From Injuries Received in Head-on Collision.

Publishers' Press Telegram.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Hospitals all over the city are being searched today for four missing victims of a remarkable automobile accident as the result of which one man, supposed to be Thomas B. Donovan of Brooklyn, is dead and two are dying.

The second victim gave the name of Chapman Ropes of Norristown, N. J., but lapsed into unconsciousness before he could give an account of the crash. He cannot recover, physicians say. Later another victim was found, who cannot be identified. He is unconscious and is dying from a broken skull, crushed chest and many broken bones. For the other four men no account has yet been obtained.

The occupants of another car near the scene state that Donovan and Ropes were at the steering wheels of two large machines. Donovan was running without a light and a terrible head-on collision occurred, hurling the occupants of both machines with terrific force and reducing the autos to scrap.

GETS A PARDON.

Board Recommends One for Marshall Daugherty and Refuses One for Wilbur Minney.

HARRISBURG, July 18.—[Special.] The session of the Board of Pardons was devoted to acting on applications for commutation of death sentences and pardons. The Board acted as follows:

Stephen Rawley, Allegheny, manslaughter, refused; Harry Shroth, second degree murder, refused; Marshall Daugherty, manslaughter, Fayette, pardon recommended; Angelo Jackson, murder, Allegheny, commutation granted; Carmine Russo, murder, Indiana, refused; Wilbur Minney, murder, Fayette, refused; W. C. Hutterbaugh, arson, Cambria, refused.

HIBERNIANS' PICNIC.

It Is Being Held Today at Shady Grove.

The annual outing of the A. O. H. of Fayette county is being held today at Shady Grove park. Many people from here are spending the day there. Various amusements, including dachshund, hunting and athletic contests, will be the feature of the outing.

WORKED WAY OUT.

Junataville Woman Made Herself Useful About the County Jail and Gave Her Freedom.

FORGERS at Monessen.

Forgers seem to have made Monessen their headquarters. The town has been infested with a gang of petty forgers lately.

UNIONTOWN, July 18.—Papers for the release of Miss Hecq of Junataville, from the county jail were filed out this morning and the woman will be released today. She was arrested last fall for concealing the birth of her illegitimate child and the case at the time aroused considerable comment.

She entered a plea of guilty and last December was sentenced to one year in jail. She has been working for Sheriff Kiefer ever since her confinement in jail, and for this reason she was given her release today.

Ramsey Taken to Jail.

UNIONTOWN, July 18.—Charles Ramsey, who was shot by Ezra Daugherty has recovered sufficiently to be removed from the hospital to the county jail.

The Unaffiliated Calles.

A meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Westmoreland county has been called for July 22.

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Miss Nellie McGriff has returned from Johns own, where she has been visiting for a week.

The Methodist Episcopal church has made arrangements for a concert to be given for the benefit of the church next Tuesday evening July 24d. The

day was spent.

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THE DAILY COURIER has double the circulation of any other daily newspaper in Fayette county or the Connelville coke region and it is better distributed for the advertiser. It is the only paper that presents each week sworn statements of circulation. THE SUNDAY COURIER is the seventh day for the daily edition. It speaks for itself. It is a big local paper with all the telegraphic news of the world and all the up-to-date features of Sunday journalism. The Daily and Sunday completely cover the advertising field with a circulation approximating over 35,000 weekly.

THE WEEKLY COURIER is the organ of the Connelville coke trade and one of the newest weeklies in Fayette county.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF FAYETTE, SS: Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public within and for said county and State, personally appeared J. H. S. STIMMELL, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say: That he is Circulation Manager of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Connelville, Pa., and that the number of papers printed and circulated during the week ending Saturday, July 13, 1907, was as follows:

	Total	Day
January	137,223	4,712
February	138,502	4,822
March	139,005	5,134
April	137,243	5,212
May	135,003	5,210
June	132,332	5,081
July	129,500	5,180
August	141,544	5,248
September	129,202	5,170
October	131,379	5,208
November	131,379	5,225
December	130,005	5,215
Total	1,001,202	5,100

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of July, 1907.

JAS. J. DRISCOLL,
Notary Public.

ORLANDO B. PRINCE,
Notary Public.

THURSDAY EVE'G., JULY 18, 1907.

HOLD-UP FRANCHISES.

The courts of Fayette county have decided that the West Penn trolley line through Brownsville is entitled to the rights-of-way as against a local company which obtained a grant five years ago and never attempted any construction until the West Penn people indicated a purpose to build an extension into and through Brownsville.

Aside from the legal conclusion that the local company had no technical rights because of the fact that their ordinance was never signed by the Burgess, it is evident that they had no equitable rights because of their failure to attempt any use of the franchise granted by the Town Council in good faith.

It was for years a common custom for favored local interests to obtain blanket franchises for such public utilities and hold them for purely speculative purposes. When capital seeking franchises for actual use put in an appearance it was obliged to pay these speculators handsomely for their paper holdings.

Under this system of public graft the speculators got what the municipality should have received. It was a sacrifice of public right to private interest.

The system is happily on the decline. The people are coming to their own. They didn't get all they should have had under the Brownsville decision, but they will get a connection with the great coke region trolley system, and the experience of other towns has demonstrated that such connection is valuable. A local line that began and ended in the town would have been of little benefit.

Hold-up franchises should be discouraged. They not only interfere with actual construction, but they are in every manner in derogation of the public interest.

THE PROTESTANT.

OF CHRISTIANITY.

The Uniontown church people propose to hold an indignation meeting to protest against the continued Sabbath violations. The iron hand of the law not being sufficient to stop the sale of merchandise on Sunday, the Christian people propose to try the power of prayer, exhortation and song. "A soft answer turneth away wrath," it is said. Perhaps the persuasive earnestness of the godly people will prevail where the harsh punishment of the law have failed. It will certainly be more in keeping with the Christian spirit to use persuasion rather than force.

THE TRI-STATE TELEPHONE MERGER.

The Tri-State telephone merger may be all right so far as the public interest therein is concerned, that is to say the independence of the consolidated companies as against the rival Bell system may be maintained with unabated vigor, but the patrons of the company will look with just suspicion upon this and all mergers.

It is natural that they should do so. Past experiences have amply shown that consolidation piled upon consolidation spells monopoly, and monopoly means exorbitant rates.

The extension of the Tri-State system, either by actual construction or by consolidation with other independent lines, only adds to the value of the service, and is from every standpoint desirable, provided always that it does not end in monopoly.

NEWSPAPER SCOOPS AND SCOPERS.

One charming contemporary, The News, claps its hands in childish glee and pats its little back and tells the public that it had a few more local items than The Courier had a couple of days ago. It didn't mention, however, that at least one of them was published in The Courier a day in advance of The News.

It is the fortune of war to get scooped occasionally, and how to lose to the "scooper." But we don't make a habit of bragging about our own "scoops." If we did there would be entirely too much brag in our columns. We have always preferred to let The Courier speak for itself.

THE DEADLY STONE-THROWER.

Throwing stones at railroad trains or passing vehicles of any kind is a malicious assault of a general character, and consequently deserves more severe punishment than an ordinary individual case into which provocation may enter.

In any event it is an assault that may contain the elements of murder. The giant Goliath fell stricken in death by David's stone. Similar fatalities have occurred in modern times.

The stone has often produced death, and it must be classed as a deadly weapon especially when used with deadly intent. The stoning of a B. & O. train and the stoning of automobiles on the National Pike are cases wherein a deadly intent must be presumed, and the punishment therefor should be made to fit the crime.

SOMERSET HORSE THIEVES.

Somerset county is suffering from an epidemic of crime, ranging all the way from larceny to murder. One of the principal forms of the first named crime is horse-stealing. In certain sections of the county this is regarded as a worse crime than homicide, and is punished with the rope.

We do not advocate such extreme measures, but we do urge that the full extent of the law be applied to some of the offenders to the end that the horses of the honest citizens of Somerset county shall be safe from continued spoliation at the hands of the thieves from all sections of the county. Mercy to the individual is sometimes a crime against the community.

THE COSSACKS AND THE CENTER.

The detail of the State Constabulary stationed in Connelville has been removed, greatly to the regret of all law-abiding citizens. It is said that Uniontown greatly desires their presence there.

Perhaps Uniontown and the Lower Connelville coke region needs a detail of the State Constabulary and should have it, and perhaps Connelville can get along very well at present without such detail, but it is evident, and it is admitted, that Connelville is the logical location for a company of these active and useful officers of the law.

Our civic bodies should present this matter to Governor Stuart and the State authorities in a convincing manner without delay.

THE UNIONTOWN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.

The management of public charitable institutions is always open to charges of incompetence, neglect or favoritism, yet no class of citizens deserves more consideration and more charity at the hands of the public than the trustees of such institutions.

The Uniontown hospital is no exception to this rule. Charges have been freely made that this institution had been mismanaged. It would seem that these charges are not wholly without foundation. Some irregularities have occurred, but the trustees are public spirited and honest men faithful to their public duties, and they can be trusted to correct the evils complained of and weed out incompetent or careless employees.

In the meantime, they are entitled to the utmost consideration and the broadest charity of the public.

The bill posters are not the only persons who are violating the ordinance governing the posting and distribution of advertising matter. There are a great many circulators and bill posters scattered around over the streets and the goats are not sufficient in number and appetite to absorb the advertising that fills the streets. The borough authorities should either import a flock of goats or enforce the ordinance more strictly.

The burning of a Scottsdale ice plant this hot weather is a wretched as well as a wonderful affliction.

The Brownsville trolley war is over, but the Alleghenide and Salisbury region still resounds with the din of battle.

Railroad torpedoes are never free from the elements of danger. Perhaps they could be made more safe with an earnest effort. There is always room

for improvement even in signal practice, but earnest efforts at such improvement are signally not practiced.

The fate of the Scottsdale child should be a warning to parents and others to keep deadly drugs out of reach of youngsters.

"It never rains but it pours." If anybody has ever doubted this old saw, their attention is invited to some samples of weather recently sent to this section.

Greensburg has secured a big hotel works. It only needs a leg factory now.

There is certainly no lack of water just now, and yet Connelville's share of it is far from desirable.

The Government has advanced the price of its commercial tinplate, and some business men can't understand why printers want more money for their product.

Captain Simpson proposes to have peace and order in his company if he has to hang it.

The spectacle of gangs of men working all night on Connelville buildings does not indicate that the Center is departing from Mud Island.

Classified Ads.

One Cent a Word.

Wanted.

WANTED—A WHITE COOK, WOMAN, Apply TRANS ALLEGHENY HOTEL, 1715 1/2 ST.

WANTED—TO LOAN TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AT FIRST MORTGAGE, Apply L. H. HAWKINS, 97 East Main.

WANTED—AT ONCE A WOMAN, dressmaker, Apply PERKINS HOTEL, 1015 1/2 ST. Free telephone.

WANTED—TWO EXPERIENCED log makers and two drivers at our saw mill, MIER & MILLER, Connelville, Pa. 1815310.

WANTED—AT ONCE ONE BARBER who can speak English and German, Address MATTHIAS HILL, Care Courier Office. 1815312.

WANTED—TWENTY FIVE GOOD carpenters, at once, BOLINGER, ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION CO., Broad Ford, Pa. 1815313.

WANTED—A GOOD, RELIABLE woman dressmaker, Apply PERKINS HOTEL, Connelville, Pa. or call up on free telephone. 1815314.

WANTED—A YOUNG, MAN and wife to care for building. Good salary. Three days a week, water and heat furnished. Apply Y. M. C. A. 1815315.

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FOR RENT—MODERN SEVEN-room house. Inquire 111 Washington avenue. 1815316.

FOR RENT—TWO FURNISHED rooms, with use of bath and laundry, 800 Vine street. 1815317.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—SHOW CASES, ALL sizes, WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN, 110 W. Main. 1815318.

FOR SALE—SIX ROOM HOUSE, Dickerson Run, Pa. For particulars write or call on MISS DIANA HAGER, Dickerson Run, Pa. 1815319.

FOR SALE—BEST PROPERTY IN DUNBAR.

Will sell cheap for cash or will consider exchange for Pittsburgh property. Address promptly today, W. H. Forster office. 1815320.

For Rent or Sale.

FOR RENT OR SALE—SIX ROOM house, water, greenwood addition, Apply GEO. FUEHR & CO., Third & Trust Building. 1815321.

Money to Loan.

MONEY TO LOAN—\$2,000 TO LOAN on first mortgage, JOSH. S. MASON, 107 W. Main and Sixth street. 1815322.

Notice.

BY REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT of the Connelville Borough School District the following notice is hereby given: That the Board of the said School District at a meeting held Wednesday evening July 10, 1907, is hereby instructed that the Board shall have the right to reject any or all bids. Carried. 1815323.

That Treasurer-elect Irwin be instructed to advertise in local papers for bids for the use of all unneeded books of Connelville Borough School District for the year ending June 1, 1908, and that the said bids be opened by the Board at a meeting of the Board, the Board having reserved the right to reject any or all bids. Carried. 1815324.

MANAGER WANTED.

A large manufacturing company with an established business, making large profits, desires to open a branch store in Connelville, and require the services of a man with a high business knowledge. To one who will invest from \$2,000 to \$5,000 will be paid a salary of from \$125 to \$200 per month, and also a percentage of the profits of the store. This is a first-class business and will bear the strictest investigation. No patent or gold mine scheme. References required. Address Postoffice Box 844, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1815325.

Announcement.

MURPHY'S Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dining Room open Day and Night.

P. J. MURPHY, Proprietor, Smithfield St. 3rd Ave. Postoffice Opposite. PITTSBURG, PA. 1815326.

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The firms whose names are represented in our advertising columns are worthy of the confidence of every person in the community who has money to spend. The fact that they advertise stamps them as enterprising, progressive men of business, a credit to our town, and deserving of support. Our advertising columns comprise a Buyers' Guide to fair dealing, good goods, honest prices.



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WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Penna.—Partly cloudy Thursday, probably local showers; Friday a. m. light to fresh west winds becoming variable.

PRICES

That we have convinced a whole lot of people that we were in earnest when we talked about emptying the shelves during the months of July and August. We are making a determined effort to get rid of a good portion of this stock and we are succeeding. The question with us is whether you are getting your share of these bargains. We are anxious to make these advertisements to seem like personal talks to you. To convince you that we have goods here that you need and that we want to get rid of, and that we have made prices on these goods that make it worth your while to buy now. If we can convince you that somebody is going to buy these goods at the prices quoted you'll feel that it is worth your while to investigate the bargains that you have particular need of. This week, besides the bargain tables to which we have called your attention, we call special attention to the offerings mentioned here below.

Ladies' Suits \$10.

Jack & Suits in light colors, every one we have. Not a suit in the lot that sold for less than \$20. If you want a suit to wear while on your vacation, here's a chance to save part of your vacation expenses. Call particular attention to this offering.

Some Cheap Wash Suits.

Colored and white suits that for \$1 to \$6. We have put all of these suits on a table and you can buy the most beautiful the original prices. Almost every size is included in this lot and every suit well made and of good material. A \$1 suit for \$2 and a \$5 for \$2.50. That's what the offering means, and the \$1 suits are worth every cent of \$1, just as the \$5 suits are worth all of \$5. It's a clean saving of from \$2 to \$3.

Cotton Cashmere at 15 cents the yard.

Eight pieces of cotton cashmere that sold for 25 cents the yard. Plaid, checks and dots, plaids and checks in black and white. Some of these patterns have been scarce all season.

White Waists at \$1.00.

Waists that sold for \$1.25 and \$1.50 each. A table of these in the cloak room. Every size, some are trimmed and some are untrimmed. All waists that we are proud to have to show you at the original price. Expect to sell a good many of these during this week. You'll find them all of the ordinary, and that they are the kind of waists you want to wear yourself.

Shrunk Muslin at 15 cents the yard.

Get a sample and compare this shrunk muslin with any shown elsewhere at this price or near it. You know how cottons have advanced this spring. This is the same quality that we sold last year at this price. Just as wide and just as good.

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TAXES WILL BE LESS.

One and One-Half Mills Lower than Last Year in Scottdale.

MAKING UP OF SOME DEFICITS.

Will Require Same Rate of Millage, but There Has Been a Reduction in the Valuation—Meeting of Mill Town Council.

SCOTSDALE, July 18.—Scottdale taxes will be one and one-half mills less than last year, although the School Board and Town Council have kept the millage at the same figure as last year. It was taken of in the former that the millage would be increased, but as there will be somewhat more derived on account of an increased valuation and more of an appropriation from the State the millage was left at 8 the same as last year. In the Borough it was again placed at 10 mills. The cut from the first announced valuation made of over \$4,000,000 being cut to \$3,385,213.00 made it necessary, in view of making up several deficits that have occurred within the last several years the full establishment of the sinking fund, the paying over to the firemen of over \$900 of their funds which were spent up until two years ago, and the making of many public improvements that so many people have asked for so cut could be made.

There were also members present: L. R. Bicher, R. F. Ellis, J. C. Horne, H. G. Martz, P. J. O'Connor, T. W. Porter, J. G. Tedrow, O. S. Weaver and President A. P. Byrne. On the passage of the ordinance making the following millage: For general borough purposes, 6 mills; for the payment of the interest and the redemption of bonds, 3 mills, and for fire hydrant rental, 1 mill, Messrs. Ellis and Martz voted against the measure, and the balance for it. However, Messrs. Ellis and Martz recognizing the majority and the fact that the millage must be set as the collection of taxes is far overdue on account of the lateness of the duplicates from the Commissioners' office, voted in favor of placing the measure on third reading and final passage. They voted against it on the passage. The question was thoroughly debated from all standpoints and after the meeting, which was held for this one purpose, was concluded several other matters of interest to the Borough came in for informal discussion among the members. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 1, when the bids for the Anderson run sewer will be opened.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate to Connellsville officials relative to a visit to that place to inspect the Borough building, the system of street cleaning and the fire alarm system. This will be on Friday evening, the Council leaving here on the 7.20 car. All these present signified their intention of going to Connellsville.

NOON WEDDING

Of Miss Martha Dawson Sherrick and Wilbur F. Lettzel at Scottdale Yesterday.

SCOTSDALE, July 18.—A wedding of interest took place yesterday at noon when Martha Dawson Sherrick, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Etta Sherrick, of 703 Mulberry street, was united to Wilbur Forest Lettzel, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Lettzel, of Broadway, both of Scottdale. The ceremony was the ring one and was solemnized by Rev. William C. Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Scottdale. The attendants were Miss Mary Sherrick, a sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Harry A. Lettzel, a brother of the groom, as best man. Miss Myrtle Stoner, a friend of the bride, played the wedding march, and the bride was given away by her brother, J. A. Sherrick. The bride was gown in ivory white tulle, trimmed in Princess lace, while the maid of honor wore white French organdy over pink.

The color scheme was in pink and white and pink and the house was beautifully decorated in ferns and flowers. The bride is one of Scottdale's most charming girls, is a graduate of the Scottdale High School and was engaged for sometime as a teacher in these schools. The groom is engaged in business at State College, Pa., where they will reside, going from here directly to their new home. There were about 45 guests present, including ones from Josephine, Indiana county; Allegheny county; Uniontown, Latrobe, Morgantown, West Virginia; and State College.

ELKS' PARADE AT PHILADELPHIA

Will Be Shown at the Bijou Theatre on Saturday, July 20.

A telegram has been sent by the manufacturers to the Port Pitt Film & Supply Company, Inc., that, "Barling accident, expect to ship Elks' parade film Friday night." Signed, The Vitagraph Company of America. This film will portray all the interesting features of the Elks' annual parade, and will without a doubt be a beautiful panoramic subject, so don't fail to see it.

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HORSE RECOVERED.

Animal Stolen in Somerset County Found at Johnstown.

The valuable iron-grey mare stolen two nights ago from the barn of Joseph Meyers in Allegheny township, Somerset county, was found by a Johnstown police officer in a baseball enclosure where she had evidently been placed for purposes of concealment.

The Johnstown officer will likely receive the reward of \$100 which was offered, half by Mr. Meyers and half by the Commissioners of Somerset county.

A TROLLEY WAR.

Rival Companies in Somerset County Present Conflicting Testimony in Court.

Special to The Courier. SOMERSET, July 17.—The warring trolley companies are again engaged in litigation and yesterday was spent in taking testimony in the matter of two rules recently awarded by Judge Koser.

The one rule was presented about a week ago by Koonitz & Ogle, representing the B. & O. railroad, and was to show cause why John W. Wright and H. H. Maust, the managers of the Pennsylvania & Maryland Street Railway Company, should not be attached for contempt of court in violating their own injunction against the B. & O. This injunction restrained the B. & O. from tampering with the tracks of the P. & M. at five places named in the bill in equity. It is stated by the B. & O. that the P. & M., after the granting of this injunction tampered with the tracks of the B. & O. at the five places where the tracks of the two companies intersect. Considerable testimony was taken in this matter.

The other matter was a rule awarded last Monday on petition presented by Attorneys A. C. Holbert, H. M. Berkeley and Koonitz & Ogle, representing the Meyersdale & Salisbury Street Railway Company. This rule was for the purpose of showing cause why the Pennsylvania & Maryland Street Railway Company should not be attached for contempt of court for violation of an injunction restraining them, the P. & M. Company, from trespassing on certain rights of way of the M. & S. near Meyersdale. It is averred in the petition that the P. & M. went upon this right of way and built track thereon.

NEGRO METHODISTS.

Allegheny District Conference Is Held This Week at Meyersdale With Big Attendance.

MEYERSDALE, July 18.—[Special.] The town is filled up with colored ministers and delegates from all over Western Pennsylvania, who came here to attend the Allegheny District Conference and Sunday School Convention of the A. M. E. Zion church, which convened here today and will continue in session until Saturday. Night Rev. J. S. Caldwell, D. D., of Philadelphia is presiding, assisted by Presiding Elder D. P. Bradley of Co. ruopolis, Pa.

The session this afternoon was devoted to reports of committees, the Presiding Elder's address and the reports of pastors and lay delegates. This evening the annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. G. W. Johnson, D. D., of Pittsburg, the address of welcome by Clarence Branch of this place and the response by Rev. J. W. Wheeler, A. B., of Mt. Pleasant. The work of the convention proper will be inaugurated tomorrow.

POOR CROWD.

Turned Out at Greensburg too Winess Boxing Bout.

GREENSBURG, Pa., July 18.—The fighting game received its death knell here last night. Frank Carney was to fight Al Martin six rounds, but less than 100 sports were present and Carney refused to go on. Jack Rowe of East Pittsburg volunteered to fight Martin and went six tame rounds although in the last round Rowe had Martin going.

Owen Zeigler, former champion lightweight, refereed the bout.

NIXON BOOKINGS.

Greensburg Completes Arrangements to Get Them Next Season.

Final arrangements were completed yesterday by Manager Frank Good of the St. Clair Theatre, Greensburg, for the booking of the attractions this year by Nixon & Zimmerman. This will mean that all Nixon Theatre attractions will come to Greensburg. It is understood here that Connellsville, Uniontown and Washington will come under the same arrangement.

GET BOTTLE WORKS.

Greensburg Business Men Secure Location of Plant There.

GREENSBURG, July 18.—[Special.] The Greensburg Business Men's Association have at last accomplished something for the benefit of the town. Within the next two or three days a deal will be closed for the bringing of a big glass bottle works here. This concern is well financed, and, when completed, will employ 300 skilled workmen.

Notice.

Magie Council No. 166, Jr. O. U. A. M., will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Session instead of Munson Hall. JOHN DYE, Councilor.

Our Presidents



MILLARD FILLMORE.

The thirteenth president of the United States succeeded to the presidency at the death of Zachary Taylor, July 9, 1850. He was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1800. For many years he practiced law at Buffalo. He served several terms in congress and was elected vice president on the Whig ticket with Zachary Taylor in 1848. During his presidency diplomatic relations were established with Japan, and the famous slavery compromise measures were passed. Fillmore was the candidate of the Know Nothing party in 1856, but received the electoral vote of only one state, Maryland. He died in Buffalo in 1874.

TWO NEW RAILROADS

Shorter Haulage of Coke From Connellsville Region in View.

MILLIONS TO BE EXPENDED.

First Serious Break in Years Between the Pennsylvania and the Vanderbilts—Want Traffic Along the Monongahela River.

Two new railroads are to be built around Pittsburg within the next year. According to railroad men, they are due to a somewhat violent break in an old general agreement between the Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt systems regarding the division of territory south of the Monongahela river. The two new lines will, by through entirely new territory, but it is not this territory that is interesting the railroads, but rather the saving in mileage in coke haul from the Connellsville field.

The construction of two new lines will involve the expenditure of millions of dollars. The employment of an army of men, and when completed will save much of the serious congestion of freight passing through Pittsburg from the coke fields. More than that, it will mark the first serious break in the years of friendly relations between the Vanderbilts and Pennsylvania.

The agreement that has prevented such lines as are now being surveyed was briefly the Pennsylvania accepting lands off territory south of the Monongahela river which has been designated to the Vanderbilts. The latter have agreed to leave alone territory held by the Pennsylvania and in the Connellsville coke field. This agreement was religiously kept until the sale of the Kanawha properties to the two lines jointly as a blow to the Goulds.

Shortly after the trouble, which is still unsettled, the Pennsylvania sent a corps of engineers into the Vanderbilt territory. They secretly laid out a line to be called the Charters Southern Railway. It began at a small station on the Charters branch of the Pennsylvania and extended up Little Charters Creek through Linden, crossing under the Baltimore & Ohio at a point called Right-Four; thence down Little Daniels Creek through a small town called Two and Four, to the Ellsworth branch of the Pennsylvania.

All of the route mentioned is within the Vanderbilt territory of the Vanderbilts and was supposed to be secret. It was only when positive proof was presented that the Vanderbilts began to get busy. They sent a corps of engineers into Pennsylvania territory who for two weeks have been laying out a brand new line. This will be a cut-off through practically the same territory and will take the Lake Erie into the heart of the northwestern Connellsville region of the Pennsylvania, but without touching Pittsburg.

This proposed line extends from a point on the Reading branch of the Pittsburg, Charters & Youngbush through Bridgeville on the Panhandle railroad, to Little Charters creek, then paralleling the Charters Southern, of the Pennsylvania to Right-Four. The line then extends to the summit of Little Daniels run and along that stream to the intersection of Two-Mile creek, thence southeast to near Millsboro, where a connection will be made with the main line of the Lake Erie.

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The Woman In the Alcove

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.
Author of "The Millionaire Baby," "The Millionaire Girl," "The House in the Mist," "The Amethyst Box," Etc.

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His expression had altered. He looked now both anxious and absorbed—particularly anxious and particularly absorbed—so much so that I was not surprised that he ventured to approach him. Again I wondered and again I asked myself for whom or for what he was waiting. For Mr. Durand? To leave this lady's presence? No, no; I would not believe that. Mr. Durand could not be there still, yet some woman must be difficult for a man to leave them, and, realizing this, I could not forbear casting a passing glance behind me as I yielded to Mr. Fox's importunities. I turned toward the supper room. It showed me the Englishman in the act of lifting two cups of coffee from a small table standing near the reception room door. As his manner plainly betokened whether he was bound with this refreshment, I felt all my uneasiness vanish and was able to take my seat at one of the small tables with which the supper room was filled and for a few minutes at least I had an ear to Mr. Fox's rapid comment and witty opinions. Then my attention wandered.

I did not move nor had I shifted my gaze from the scene before me—the ordinary scene of a gay and well-filled supper room—yet I found myself looking, as if through a mist I had not even seen develop, at something as strange, unusual and remote as any phantasm, yet distinct enough in its outlines for me to get a decided impression of a square of light surrounding the figure of a man in a peculiar pose and easily imagined and not easily described. It all passed in an instant, and I sat staring at the window opposite me with the feeling of one who has just seen a vision. Yet almost immediately I forgot the whole occurrence in my anxiety as to Mr. Durand's whereabouts. Certainly he was awaiting himself very much elsewhere or he would have found an opportunity of joining me long before this. He was not even in sight, and I grew weary of the endless men and the senseless chit-chat of my companions and, finding him amenable to my whims, rose from my seat at table and made my way to a group of acquaintances standing just outside the supper room door. As I listened to their greetings some impulse led me to cast another glance down the hall toward the alcove. A man—a waiter—was issuing from it in a rush. Bad news was in his face, and as his eyes encountered those of Mr. Ramsdell, who was advancing hurriedly to meet him, he plunged down the steps with a cry which drew a crowd about the two in an instant.

What was it? What had happened? Mad with an anxiety I did not stop to define, I rushed toward this group now swaying from side to side in irrepressible excitement, when suddenly everything swam before me, and I fell in a swoon to the floor.

Some one had shouted aloud:
"Mrs. Fairbrother has been murdered and her diamond stolen! Lock the doors!"

CHAPTER II.

MUST have remained insensible for many minutes, for when I returned to full consciousness the supper room was empty and the 200 guests I had left seated at table were gathered in a great tattered group about the hall. This was what I first noted. Not till afterward did I realize my own situation. I was lying on a couch in a remote corner of this same hall, and beside me, but not looking at me, stood my lover, Mr. Durand.

How he came to know my state and find me in the general disturbance I did not stop to inquire. It was enough for me at that moment to look up and see him so near. Indeed, the relief was so great, the sense of his protection so comforting, that I involuntarily stretched out my hand in gratitude toward him, but, failing to attract his attention, slipped to the floor and took my stand at his side. This renewed him, and he gave me a look which steadied me in spite of the thrill of surprise with which I recognized his extreme pallor and a certain peculiar hesitation in his manner not at all natural to it. Meanwhile some words uttered near us were slowly making their way into my benumbed brain. The waiter who had raised the first alarm was endeavoring to describe to an important group in advance of us what he had come upon in that murderous alcove.

"I was carrying about a tray of tea," he was saying, "and, seeing the lady sitting there, went up. I had expected to find the place full of gentlemen, but she was all alone and did not move as I picked my way over her long train. The next moment I had dropped tea, tray and all. I had come face to face with her and soon that she was dead. She had been stabbed and robbed. There was no diamond on her breast, but there was blood."

A hubbub of disordered sentences seasoned with horrified cries followed this simple description. Then a general movement took place in the direction of the alcove, during which Mr. Durand stooped to my ear and whispered:

"We must get out of this. You are not strong enough to stand such excitement. Don't you think we can escape by the window over there?"

"What a wretched wretch in such a snowstorm?" I protested. "Besides, uncle will be looking for me. He came

with me, you know."

An expression of annoyance—or was it perplexity?—crossed Mr. Durand's face, and he made a movement as if to leave me.

"I must go," he began, but stopped at my glance of surprise and assumed a different air, one which became him very much better. "Pardon me, dear, I will take you to your uncle. This—this dreadful tragedy, interrupting so gay a scene, has quite upset me. I was always sensitive to the sight, the smell, even the very mention of the word blood."

So was I, but not to the point of cowardice. But then I had not just come from an interview with the murdered woman. Her glances, her smiles, the lift of her eyebrows were not fresh memories to me. Some consideration was certainly due him for the shock he must be laboring under. Yet I did not know how to keep back the vital questions.

"Who did it? You must have heard some one say."

"I have heard nothing," was his somewhat fierce rejoinder. Then as I made a move: "What? You do not wish to follow the crowd there?"

"I wish to find my uncle, and he is in that crowd."

Mr. Durand said nothing further, and together we passed down the hall. A strange mood pervaded my mind. Instead of wishing to fly a scene which under ordinary conditions would have filled me with utter repugnance, I felt a desire to see and hear everything. Not from curiosity, such as moved most of the people about me, but because of some strong instinctive feeling I could not understand, as if it were my heart which had been struck and my fate which was trembling in the balance.

We were consequently among the first to hear such further details as were allowed to circulate among the now well-nigh frenzied guests. No one knew the perpetrator of the deed, nor where there appear to be any direct evidence calculated to fix his identity. Indeed the sudden death of this beautiful woman in the midst of festivity might have been looked upon as suicide if the jewel had not been missing from her breast and the instrument of death removed from the wound. So far the casual search which had been instituted had failed to produce this weapon. But the police would be here soon and then something would be done.

As to the means of entrance employed by the assassin, there seemed to be but one opinion. The alcove contained a window opening upon a small balcony. By this he had doubtless entered and escaped. The long plush curtains, which during the early part of the evening had remained looped back on either side of the entrance, were found at the moment of the crime's discovery closely drawn together. Certainly a suspicious circumstance. However, the question was one easily settled. If any one had approached by the balcony there would be marks in the snow to show it. Mr. Ramsdell had gone out to see. He would be coming back soon.

"Do you think this a probable explanation of the crime?" I demanded of Mr. Durand at this juncture. "If I remember rightly, this window overlooks the carriage drive. It must therefore be within plain sight of the door through which some 300 guests have passed tonight. How could any one climb to such a height, lift the window and stop in without being seen?"

"You forget the awning," he spoke quickly and with unexpected vivacity. "The awning runs up very near this window and quite shuts it off from the sight of arriving guests. The drive, of departing carriages could see it if they chanced to glance back. But their eyes are usually on their horses in such a crowd. The probabilities are against any of them having noticed a person climb and clear; a weight seemed removed from his mind. When I went into the alcove to see Mrs. Fairbrother she was sitting in a chair near this window looking out. I remember the effect of her splendor against the snow sitting down in a steady stream behind her—the pink velvet, the soft green of the curtains on either side, her brilliant and the snow for a background. Yes, the murderer came in that way. Her figure would be plain to any one outside, and if she moved and the diamond shone—Don't you see what a probable theory it is? There must be ways by which a desperate man might reach that balcony. I believe!"

How eager he was and with what a look he turned when the word came uttering through the crowd that, though footsteps had been found in the snow pointing directly toward the balcony itself, proving, as any one could see, that the attack had not come from without, since no one could enter the alcove by the window without stepping on the balcony.

"Mr. Durand has suspicions of his own," I explained determinedly to myself. "He met some one going in as he stepped out. Shall I ask him to name this person?" No, I did not have the courage, not while his face wore so stern a look and was so resolutely turned away.

The next development was a request from Mr. Ramsdell for us to go into the drawing room. This led to various cries from hysterical lips, such as, "We are going to be searched!" "He believes the thief and murderer to be

still in the house!" "Do you see the diamond on me?" "Why don't they confine their suspicions to the favored few who were admitted to the alcove?"

"They will," remarked some one close to my ear.

But quickly as I turned I could not guess from whom the comment came. Possibly from a much bettered, bejeweled, elderly dame whose eyes were fixed on Mr. Durand's averted face. If so, she received a delicate look from mine, which I do not believe she forgot in a hurry.

Alas, it was not the only comment. I might say searching glances surprised directed against him as we made our way to where I could see my uncle struggling to reach us from a short side hall. The whisper seemed to have gone about that Mr. Durand had been the last one to converse with Mrs. Fairbrother just before the tragedy.

In time I had the satisfaction of joining my uncle. He betrayed great relief at the sight of me, and, encouraged by his kindly smile, I introduced Mr. Durand. My conscious air must have produced its impression, for he turned a startled and inquiring look upon my companion, then took me resolutely on his own arm, saying:

"There is likely to be some unpleasantness ahead for all of us. I do not think the police will allow any one to go till that diamond has been looked for. This is a very serious matter, dear. So many think the murderer was one of the guests."

"I think so, too," said I. But why I thought so or why I should say so with such vehemence I do not know even now.

My uncle looked surprised.

"You had better not advance any opinions," he advised. "A lady like yourself should have none on a subject so grave. I shall in ever cease regretting bringing you here tonight. I shall leave in the first opportunity to take you home. At present we are supposed to await the action of our host."

"He cannot keep all these people here long," I ventured.

"No. Most of us will be relieved soon. And you not better get your wraps so as to be ready to go as soon as he gives the word?"

"I should prefer to have a peep at the people in the drawing room first," was my perverse reply. "I don't know why I want to see them, but I do; and, uncle, I might as well tell you now that I engaged myself to Mr. Durand this evening—the gentleman with whom you first came up."

"You have engaged yourself to this man—to marry him, do you mean?"

I nodded, with a shy look behind to see if Mr. Durand were near enough to hear. He was not, and I allowed my enthusiasm to escape in a few quick words.

"He has chosen me," I said, "the proudest most uninteresting piece in the whole city." My uncle smiled.

"And I believe he loves me at all events. I know that I love him."

My uncle sighed, while a pang me the most affectionate of glances.

"It's a pity you should have come to this understanding tonight," said he.

"Let's an equal time for the murdered woman, and it is only right for you to know that you will have to leave him behind when you start for home. All who have been with a warning that all these events will necessarily be detailed here till the corner arrives."

My uncle and I strolled toward the drawing room and as we did so we passed the library. It was but one occupied by a table, as I have appeared, was such as provided my attempt at intrusion, even if one had been so disposed. There was a dilly in his gaze and a frown on his powerful forehead which bespoke a mind greatly agitated. It was not for me to read that mind, nor as it interested me, and I passed on chattering as if I had not the least idea of what I could say.

I cannot say how much time elapsed before my uncle touched me on the arm with the remark:

"The police are here in full force. I saw a detective in plain clothes look in here a minute ago. He seemed to have his eye on you. There he is again. What can he be up to? No, don't turn, he's gone away now."

Frightened, I never before in all my life. I managed to keep my head up and maintain an indifferent aspect. What, as my uncle said, could a detective want of me? I had nothing to do with the crime; not in the remotest way could I be said to be connected with it; why, then, had I caught the attention of the police? Looking about I sought Mr. Durand. He had not me on my uncle's coming up but had remained, as I supposed, within sight. But at this moment he was nowhere to be seen. Was I afraid of his account? Impossible; yet—

Happily just then the word was passed about that the police had given orders that, with the exception of such as had been requested to remain to answer questions, the guests generally should leave themselves at liberty to depart.

The time had now come to take a stand and I informed my uncle, to his evident chagrin, that I should not leave as long as any excuse could be found for staying.

He said nothing at the time, but as the noise of doleful, carriages gradually lessened and the great hall and drawing rooms began to wear a look of desolation he at last ventured on this gentle protest:

"You have more people, Rita, than I supposed. Do you think it wise to stay on here? Will not people imagine that you have been requested to do so?"

Look at those wretched hanging about in the different drawing rooms. Run up and put on your wraps. Mr. Durand will come to the door in a few moments as soon as he is released. I give you leave to sit up for him if you will. Only let us leave this place before that haphazard if the man dare to come around again," he actually added.

But I stood firm, though somewhat moved by his final suggestion, and being a small tyrant in my way, at least with him, I carried my point.

Suddenly my anxiety became poignant. A party of men, among whom I saw Mr. Durand, appeared at the end of the hall, led by a very small but self-important personage whom my uncle immediately pointed out as the detective who had twice come to the door near which I stood. As this man looked up and saw me still there, a look of relief crossed his face, and after a word or two with another stranger of seeming authority he detached himself from the group he had wheeled upon the scene and approached me respectfully enough said with a deprecating glance at my uncle whose frown he doubtless understood: "Miss Van Arsdale, I believe?"

I nodded, too choked to speak.

"I am sorry, madam, if you were expecting to go. Inspector Dalsell has

arrived and would like to speak to you. Will you step into one of these rooms? Not the library, but any other. He will come to you as quickly as he can."

I tried to carry it off bravely and as if I saw nothing in this summons which was unique or alarming. But I succeeded only in dividing a watering glance between him and the group of men of which he had just formed a part. In the latter were several gentlemen whom I had noted in Mrs. Fairbrother's train early in the evening and a few strangers, two of whom were officials. Mr. Durand was with the former, and his expression did not encourage me.

"Be careful in very serious," commented the detective on leaving me. "That's our excuse for any trouble we may be putting you to."

I clenched my uncle's arm.

"Where shall we go?" I asked. "The drawing room is too large. In this hall my eyes are forever traveling to the direction of the alcove. Can't you know some little room? Oh, what can he want of me?"

"Nothing serious, nothing important," blustered my good uncle. "Some triviality such as you can answer in a moment. A little room? Yes, I know one, there, under the stairs. Come, I will find the door for you. Why did we ever come to this wretched hall?"

I had no answer for this. Why, indeed?

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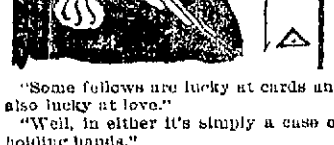
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